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THE MUNICIPAL FARCE.

It is probably unfair to say what is in everybody's mind about the civic proceedings yesterday, though they show, in a very clear light, the opera bouffe qualities of our island democracy in office—using democracy in its generic and not in its party sense. One might dwell at length, in melancholy amusement, upon the spectacle of a city executive who had but the faintest idea of what he was doing, of the chartless wanderings of most of the county law-givers through a maze of parliamentary abstruseness and of the famished eagerness of a rabble avid for jobs which few of its members could fill with any approach to success. A man from Boston or London or even Kansas City would have watched the induction of city government here with either scorn or astonishment or glee, according to his mood. He certainly could not have looked upon it with a symptom of respect or confidence. If we ourselves have confidence, it is in proportion to our belief that the government will be run by unelected outsiders who know how.

As we say, it is perhaps unfair to dwell satirically on the subject, because it is all our own fault in insisting, as a sine qua non of Americanism, on multiplying governments in an island which has not more than 3000 qualified voters and where more than half of those who exercise the franchise, 6500 in all, need to be governed and have no capacity to rule. Whatever may be said in favor of county government for the other islands of the group, the Territorial form as it stood a few years ago was good for Honolulu. The critics on Hawaii, Kauai and Maui were a unit on that point. County government for Honolulu simply increased the expenses, which was all it was designed for, and gave fresh and humiliating proof of individual incompetency, and now we have added city government in return for a mayor who could not possibly pass the civil service examination for a weigher in the Custom House and several supervisors who could not help him out in such a matter if they were to tell all they knew. It is a spectacle which, in its last analysis, makes one despair of democratic government, as interpreted by a count of noses without any regard to whom the noses belong.

What makes the situation most unpromising is the spirit of the new departure. Yesterday, the official birthday of the City and County of Honolulu, witnessed one long wrangle between the executive and legislative branches of the new government—over what? Over jobs. Over the vital question of who should drive a dump cart or review the vagrants who are supposed by some fiction of the time, to take care of the streets and roads. If the glimmer of an idea crossed anyone's mind other than that of the unknown worthy who wrote the message through which the mayor groped blindly, stumbling over and dislocating the words he could not pronounce or understand, that the government had come into power to serve the best interests of the taxpayers, it was dismissed as trivial. Nor is the prospect ahead much more alluring. Supervisor Quinn says that, of the total amount the board will have to spend, but a fraction will go for anything but salaries. Everybody who can get up a pretext for a job is to have one, and there is to be a building program in addition, the mayor, in his message, having gravely read that it is undignified to carry on City and County government in a "comical" building—which is the best he could make out of the word "commercial," as indited by his scribe. But "comical" or not, the building must be had and the taxpayers will enjoy the ancient privilege of footing the bill. We might have known it. It is the American experience that municipalities are made to bleed the property-owners, and we miss nothing by the guess that ours will follow suit. Honolulu, which begins its civil career with a carnival of jobs, may expect, considering the sort of people it entrusts with power, to end it with a carnival of jobbery.

THE FUTURE OF HAWAII'S CHILDREN.

Mr. Damon spoke words of truth and soberness when he advised that the dependent children now growing up in these islands be trained in agriculture. "There are not white shirt professions enough to go around," he said. "We want the children to grow up industrious and ready to do the work that is right here at hand in the country."

Suppose this advice is not taken—what is to become of the thousands of poor native, half-white, Portuguese and, to some extent, Japanese youngsters we see around us? They will start active life without capital, without an education which will enable them to compete with well-brought up and well-educated boys for the prizes of business or the professions and which will be more than enough to make them intelligent laborers. As this country becomes more like other parts of the United States, it will acquire active trades-unions which limit the number of apprenticeships, so that not one boy in fifty, who wants to, may learn a trade. The sea is becoming less of an outlet for juvenile energy; every big steamer that goes into traffic displacing three or four sailing craft that employ a good many seamen, the steamer itself needing comparatively few. Of our poor lads, those of Polynesian blood are not adventurous. They are not likely to go to the mainland for work. Some of the Portuguese youth may, but the lower-class Japanese boys may not be permitted, if the law continues as it is, to emigrate to the States or Canada; and, owing to this being their home and to the low wage scale of Japan, their ancestral land will not prove attractive to them. Here is their habitation. What are they going to do in it? Would it be wise to turn the most of our minor public schools into agricultural schools with the three R's thrown in? Would it be best to put the boys right into fields as apprentices to plantations, giving half a school day to that and the other half to learn to read, write and figure? And what about the girls? Here are problems of the deepest local significance, problems worthy the attention of our publicists and thinkers. Things can not run along as they are without bringing the menace of an idle proletariat. What are we going to do about it?

About one thousand white men will arrive next week, in uniform, to go into garrison on Oahu. They will all be consumers and disbursers, but, better yet, many of them, as their enlistments expire, will be added to the roll of permanent residents of this group. Soldiers, the same as civilians, do not like to leave Hawaii, and the Army, ever since it located a small force here, has been a feeder of the population. As the Army grows it will leave more men in proportion to engage in island industries and help Americanize the Territory in the only way it can be Americanized. Such young men as these aided in the up-building of the West and no inconsiderable number of them have settled in the Philippines. We shall get our share.

Anyone who has ever worked as a detective for the Pinkerton agency is likely to be dubbed for life a "Pinkerton man," even long after he may have left the service of the Pinkerton agency. Such men are employed by the Federal Secret Service. We have no doubt that the two organizations not infrequently exchange men. They are always seeking good men, and one of these days we shall find them taking Detective Kalakiela.—Star.

The editor of the Amsterdam Evening Recorder, Hon. Wm. J. Kline, shows that he has not forgotten his visits to Hawaii, by sending the local press, from time to time, special editions of his paper. The Christmas number of the Recorder, which is just to hand, is full of good matter, and does credit to Mr. Kline's establishment, upstairs and down.

An afternoon paper says that "information has drifted out through reliable channels" that the United States is going to establish a large army post at Waikiki. We should think as much. During the two years back, while the government was acquiring land for it, a suspicion of something of the sort quite generally prevailed.

German surgeons operated on Castro's body and his bank account and Venezuelan surgeons severed him from his job and took whatever property he had. But the patient is doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

City and County now! Great progress! More salaries for the same thing! Let's all hurrah and start townships!

Detective Kalakiela should have been with the Mayor yesterday and given him a clue to what was in his message.

WHAT BALLOTS ARE HELD TO BE VALID

In the written decision handed down by the Supreme Court yesterday morning in the election contest of Charles Blake vs. George E. H. Baker, it is stated that the following classes of ballots were held valid: "Where the crosses were imperfectly formed or the lines of the cross duplicated; where there was a small hole at the lower end of one of the lines of the cross, evidently the result of an accident; where short pencil marks appeared opposite one arm of a cross; where there was a small puncture at the end of one of the crosses and as to one ballot on one side of a cross; where an erasure of a cross, although still discernible, on close examination, had been made; where there were dotted pencil marks at the end of each line of a cross, and where a ballot was torn at the top." The following ballots were held to be invalid: "Where a cross in an improper place was partly erased but still remained perfectly clear; where a name of some one other than that of a candidate appeared in pencil at the top of a ballot, and where crosses appeared outside of the space provided for that purpose."

The court found, after examining all the ballots, that each candidate received 425 votes, and rendered judgment accordingly, with costs to be divided equally. The syllabus of the case stated that "a petition in an election contest alleging that a certain number of ballots cast for the petitioner were not counted for him by the inspectors, and failing to allege that all the ballots were in the same condition as when cast, is sufficient on demurrer."

SPUR TRACK TO PEARL HARBOR

Honolulu is now in direct rail communication with Pearl Harbor naval station, for in the last three days the Oahu Railway & Land company has built a spur, 700 feet in length, connecting the main line of the railway from a point beyond Paolua station, with the proposed gateway to the naval reservation. It was expected that the work would be completed last night.

The railway people put in the spur quickly and quietly. They will now be ready to transport supplies directly into the naval station, and perhaps in a few weeks the naval station railway within the reservation will be built. The navy people have a contract with the Hawaiian Mahogany Lumber company to deliver five or six thousand ohia railroad ties on the reservation, and deliveries were to commence this month. The ties will be landed from vessels at the railroad wharf and transported by rail to Pearl Harbor station.

POLICE OFFICERS PAU.

The following list of retiring police officers was read by retiring Sheriff Laukaea at the last inspection, held yesterday morning:

R. P. Waipa, captain; S. R. P. Waipa, receiving station clerk; Fred H. Laukaea, receiving station clerk; E. W. Kawahine, turnkey; David P. Kauihine, turnkey; H. H. Webb, back inspector; R. P. Waipa, Jr., special; Miss R. C. Davison, humane officer; Frank Akoki, special; H. S. Swinton, assistant harbor police; Ernest Collins, special; Elia Mahoe, special; H. Kawahine, lieutenant; Jno. S. Aea, sergeant; M. L. Needham, sergeant; Henry Espinda, bicycle officer; Jno. Mana, bicycle officer; Job Manase, L. Palenapa, A. M. Naanao, Chas. Silva, D. P. Kaiena, patrolmen; R. C. Lane, lieutenant mounted police; Moses Wire, Geo. D. Robinson, mounted patrolmen.

Resigned December 31, 1908.—Luahwa, assistant chief of detectives; C. Lishman, assistant back inspector.

John Lua, who has been held as a suspect in burglary cases, was charged last night by Chief Kalakiela with two offenses. One is for entering the room of a Japanese woman on upper Fort street. He was detected going in, so the police say, although he did not get anything. Mrs. W. Jarrett saw him go in.

The other charge is the larceny of \$49 from a Japanese woman residing in the two-story building opposite Kala-kaua avenue.

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